

Remarks:**Allowable Subject Matter:**

The applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-4 and 6-15. The Examiner indicates that the primary reason for allowability is based on the language directed to "communicating data between the first external interface and the second microcontroller via the first and second UARTs without intervention of a second external interface of the electronic device, in response to the switching mechanism detecting a predetermined signal" recited in independent claim 1 and substantially incorporated in claims 6 and 11.

Claims 17 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 1 noted above by the Examiner as the primary reason for allowability. Thus, claim 17 and claim 18 that is dependent therefrom should be in condition for allowance.

No new matter has been added. Support for the amended claims is found within the specification and the drawings. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

§102 Rejection and Objection to Claims 17 and 18:

For the above reasons, the 102 rejection of claims 17 and 18 is now moot. Claim 17 has been also amended to overcome the Examiner's objection by replacing UARTs with UART.


Conclusion:

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have expressly argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number [310] 789 2100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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